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1. BELGRADE 6810, 123075
2. 479/01/T0021 UPDATE
3. 031076
4. 9918102-0000 HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT "BUK BIJELA".

IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICER, OFFICIALS OF ELEKTROPRIVREDA BIH (BOSNIA UTILITY ORGANIZATION) AND PREVREDNA BANKA, SARAJEVO HAVE STATED THAT WORK ON BUK BIJELA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT BEING POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. REASONS GIVEN FOR DELAY INCLUDE LARGE NUMBER OF EXISTING HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS ON DRINA AND INCOMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. FURTHER ACTIVITY ON PROJECT WILL BE DELAYED AT LEAST ONE YEAR UNTIL RESULTS OF NEW ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY EXPECTED TO BE KNOWN.

BOSNIAN OFFICIALS ARE PRESENTLY LOOKING AT VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR REPLACING BUK BIJELA'S 450 MW OF CAPACITY IN THEIR ENERGY PROGRAM. THESE INCLUDE POSSIBLE SPEED UP OF SMALLER PROJECTS (E.G. H.E. SALAKOVAC, 210 MW AND HE GRABOVICA, 113 MW ON NERETVA

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RIVER) OR MOVING UP OF PROJECTS FROM 1980-85 PERIOD (E.G.

FIRST PHASE OF VELIKA TUZLA-500 MW. TE ON BROWN COAL). ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS AVAILABLE. SILBERMAN

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